

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Smith **TOP SECRET**

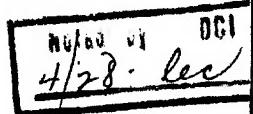
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General Partridge brought the attached draft of message from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to General Ridgeway, relating to intelligence problems in the Far East, for your concurrence or comment.

Mr. Wisner and I have reviewed the message, believe that it is consistent with your own correspondence with General Ridgeway and recommend concurrence.

*Seems O.K.
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MESSAGE TO COMMANDER IN CHIEF, FAR EAST

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have reviewed your message dated 8 February 1952 concerning intelligence problems in the Far East and reply as follows:

a. The establishment of a joint organization to support your intelligence mission appears desirable. Authority and guidance for the establishment of such an organization are set forth in Joint Action Armed Forces (JAAF), dated 19 September 1951.

b. The procurement and basic training of the necessary intelligence specialists of all categories required by commanders are the responsibility of the three Services, and the Chiefs of the three military Services have been directed to assign adequate priority to the procurement and training of intelligence specialists. In this connection, it is suggested that each Service be notified of the number and type of intelligence specialists which should be procured and trained by them to meet your requirements on the basis of the number of spaces that will be required in your troop basis for this purpose.

c. In order to give proper recognition to the growing military strength of Communist China, intelligence collection priorities applicable to all intelligence agencies of the Government must be established. To accomplish this, action is being taken through the Intelligence Advisory Committee to establish critical national intelligence objectives on Communist China.

d. With respect to espionage operations in direct support of military commanders' missions, negotiations are being initiated between the chiefs of the Service intelligence agencies and the Central Intelligence Agency for the purpose of arriving at a basic agreement under the provisions of NSCID #5 which will establish the conditions, type, and extent to which the military Services may engage directly in espionage operations. It is contemplated that such an agreement, after approval by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be used as the basis for the issuance of a policy directive by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

e. That portion of your message dealing with special intelligence matters will form the subject of a separate communication.